MEETINGS SCHEDULE: Zoom or Tuscany Falls Clubhouse, Ballroom, 7 PM

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| SEPT ‘20 | OCT ‘20 | NOV ‘20 | DEC ‘20 | JAN ‘21 | FEB ‘21 | MAR’21 | APR ‘21 |
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**FRIDAY “B” HIKE SCHEDULE**

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| 2020-21  Fri | RT DRIVE MILES | LOCATION | AREA | TRAIL | LENGTH & TOTAL ASCENT | DESCRIPTION | RATING |
| 25-Sep | 56 | 303 North | Peoria | Sunrise Mountain | 7 mi., 1200 ft. | A close-in hike with good elevation and views of New River dam and mountains beyond. | B- |
| 2-Oct | 20 | Buckeye | Skyline | QM-Skyline Summit-Skyline Crest-Valley Vista Loop | 8+ mi, 1000+ ft | A slight variation on the usual loops to two peaks with great views of the valley. | B |
| **9-Oct** | **140** | **Apache Junction** | **Superstitions** | **Carney Springs-Peralta Loop** | **7.5 mi, 2000 ft** | **Strenuous climb to the ridge above Carney Springs and scenic but challenging descent to Peralta Trail for the return.** | **B+** |
| 16-Oct | 80 | Cave Creek | PSP (North) | Apache Wash - Ocotillo/Ridgeback/Sidewinder Loop | 10 mi, 1500 ft | An interesting loop in North Phoenix with views of Cave Creek and surrounding area. | B |
| 23-Oct | 124 | Apache  Junction | Superstitions | 2nd Water-Black Mesa-Dutchman Loop | 9.2 mi, 1300 ft | An interesting loop through scenic Superstition terrain…all trail. | B- |
| 30-Oct | 210 | Prescott | Granite Dells | Constellation + Willow Lake Dells | 8 mi, 1500 ft | A scenic hike in the Granite Dells with lots of rock formations and views of the lake with Granite Mt. in the distance. | B |
| 6-Nov | 102 | East Valley | Usery Mountains | Hawes trails loop | 11.7 mi, 2000 ft | An interesting combination of trails with outstanding views of Red Mountain and impressive saguaros…also a great tune-up for Sedona. | B |
| **13-Nov** | **250** | **Cottonwood-Sedona** | **Sycamore Canyon** | **Dogie** | **11 mi, 2100 ft** | **Easy hike down to the rocky Sycamore Creek creekbed but somewhat strenuous climb back to the car.** | **B** |
| **20-Nov** | **220** | **Hwy 179-Sedona** | **Wet Beaver Creek** | **Bell Trail and the “Tongue”** | **10 mi, 1600 ft** | **Experience the historic trail used to drive cattle to Flagstaff and visit the famous “Tongue” above a deep pool.** | **B-** |
| 27-Nov | 240 | Superior | Picketpost | Picketpost Loop | 11.5 mi, 1100 ft | An interesting loop around this impressive mountain…could have some fall colors. | B |
| 4-Dec | 120 | Apache Junction | Superstition Mountains | Massacre Falls / Hidden Canyon | 8.6 mi, 1500 ft | An interesting hike to a canyon above the Praying Hands area, followed by a hike to a wide, dry waterfall as well as the overlook of the massacre site. | B |
| 11-Dec | 120 | Apache  Junction | Goldfield  Mountains | IQ Arch – Helmet Rock Loop | 9.8 mi, 1750 ft | A plus version of the “C” hike to the arch and on surrounding terrain. | B |
| 18-Dec | 100 | Scottsdale | McDowell Sonoran Preserve | Marcus Landslide-Tom’s Thumb Loop | 10.6 mi, 2150 ft | A strenuous workout with close-up views of Tom’s Thumb after a climb up the steep East End trail. | B+ |
| 25-Dec |  |  |  | No Hike – Christmas |  |  |  |
| 1-Jan | 114 | Apache Junction | Goldfields | Hackamore Trailhead to a Large Arch | 9 mi, 1250 ft | A hike to an interesting arch overlooking the scenic Goldfields…mostly trail with easy bushwhacking to the arch. | B |
| 8-Jan | 50 | Buckeye | Dog Bone | Chloe’s Charisma Loop | 10.6 mi, 800 ft | A relatively flat trail to the interesting rock outcropping known as Batman, followed by lunch at the memorial site for bicyclist Chloe. | B |
| 15-Jan | 70 | I-17 North | Anthem | Daisy Mountain Loop | 7.2 mi, 1600 ft | An interesting hike to two rounded peaks just east of the outlet mall…the first peak requires a strenuous climb and has an American flag on top…all trail but a steep descent from peak 2. | B |
| 22-Jan | 20 | Buckeye | Skyline | Javelina Summit Loop | 10.1 mi, 2550 ft | A strenuous hike on one of the newer trails to Javelina Summit…great views of the valley and the golf course below. | B+ |
| 29-Jan | 98 | Tonopah | Saddle Mountain | “Gary’s Canyon”…Inner Canyon of Saddle Mountain | 7.5 mi, 1000 ft | A conventional northwest loop with a spur in-and-out into an interesting canyon with high cliffs of “conglomerate”. | B |
| 5-Feb | 70 | Phoenix | Piestewa Peak | Trails 200-202-8A-100-1A-304 | 9.6 mi, 3000 ft | This ”grand tour” hike is all trail but long and strenuous since it finishes with a steep climb to Piestewa Peak…beautiful views. | B+ |
| 12-Feb | 30 | West Valley | White Tanks | Waddell-Ford-Mesquite-Willow Springs Loop | 10 mi, 1600 ft | A scenic hike through rugged terrain with a tiny amount of scrambling. | B |
| 19-Feb | 100 | Scottsdale | McDowell Sonoran Preserve | Brown Mt-Cathedral Rock-Balanced Rock Loop | 10.8 mi, 1250 ft | An interesting loop through the impressive terrain of Brown’s Ranch, including a short spur hike to the top of Brown’s Mt. | B |
| 26-Feb | 130 | I-10 West | Eagletail Mountains | Ben Avery trail | 10.7 mi, 1150 ft | A variation of a lollipop which includes Natural Arch (double arch) and petroglyphs near Indian Spring (dry). | B |
| 5-Mar | 98 | Tonopah | Saddle Mountain | Saddle Mountain Loop | 7 mi., 1300 ft. | A strenuous trail up the south side and challenging bushwhack down the steep north side through impressive but rocky terrain. | B- |
| 12-Mar | 60 | Phoenix | South Mountain | “Ruins” Loop | 9.4 mi, 2300 ft | A strenuous hike with lunch at the fireplace ruins, followed by a steep climb up to the National Trail for the return. | B+ |
| 19-Mar | 100 | I-17 North | Black Canyon Trail | Little Pan Loop | 10 mi, 1300 ft | A nice hike along and across the Agua Fria River. | B |
| 26-Mar | 130 | Goldfield Mountains | Northeast | Horns of a Dilemma Ridge | 7.5 mi, 1300 ft | A scenic hike up past the Horns of a Dilemma with views of Saguaro and Canyon lakes. | B- |
| 2-Apr | 116 | I-17N | Agua Fria NM | Agua Fria Trail | 8.5 mi, 1200 ft | A trail to interesting terrain in the Agua Fria riverbed…trail “improved” by our summer hikers and cleared by nature. | B- |
| 9-Apr | 130 | Hwy 93-Hwy 89A | Hotshots Memorial State Park | Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial Trail | 7.5 mi, 1825 ft | A strenuous in-and-out hike up and down through rugged terrain to the hotshots memorial site. | B |
| **16-Apr** | **97** | **Castle Hot Springs Rd.** | **Governors Peak-Spring Valley** | **Governors Peak-Garfias Wash-Spring Valley Loop** | **10.2 mi, 2000 ft** | **A chance to practice route-finding skills on this interesting and scenic loop which is 2/3 trail and 1/3 bushwhacking.** | **B+** |
| **23-Apr** | **260** | **Sedona** | **Sedona** | **Wilson Mountain – north trail** | **10.7 mi, 2800 ft** | **A challenging but beautiful hike up the north side to the top of the highest peak around Sedona.** | **B+** |
| 30-Apr | 130 | Wickenburg | Dana’s Arch | Dana’s Arch loop | 6 mi, 1000 ft | An interesting loop through rocky terrain with an opportunity to take a selfie with the arch. | B- |
| **7-May** | **60** | **Phoenix** | **South Mountain** | **Corona de Loma-Midlife Crisis Loop** | **12.5 mi, 2100 ft** | **A long, strenuous loop with great views of South Mountain and Phoenix.** | **B+** |

**New/Newer hikes are in bold.**